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Governor Bill Richardson Announces Funding to Keep LULAC Education Center Open

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced that he will free up \$80,000 to keep the doors open at LULAC’s National Education Center in Albuquerque.

The U.S. Department of Education recently denied more than \$3.4 million grants to LULAC, forcing centers in Albuquerque and 16 other cities to announce they would shut their doors without additional funding. The Albuquerque center counsels more than 1,100 low-income, first-generation New Mexicans as they prepare for and enter college.

“Once again, we are forced to move in to keep this essential service afloat because federal bureaucrats in Washington D.C. indiscriminately cut off funding to low-income New Mexicans who want a chance to succeed,” Governor Bill Richardson said.

Governor Richardson will tap \$80,000 in federal fiscal relief money that can be used as a stop-gap source to keep the center open. The Governor will work with LULAC to pursue federal funding to keep the center open permanently.

“This is the wrong time to cut off access to a program like this,” Governor Richardson said. “We need all the help we can get as we work to provide more opportunities for New Mexicans to pursue a higher education.”

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